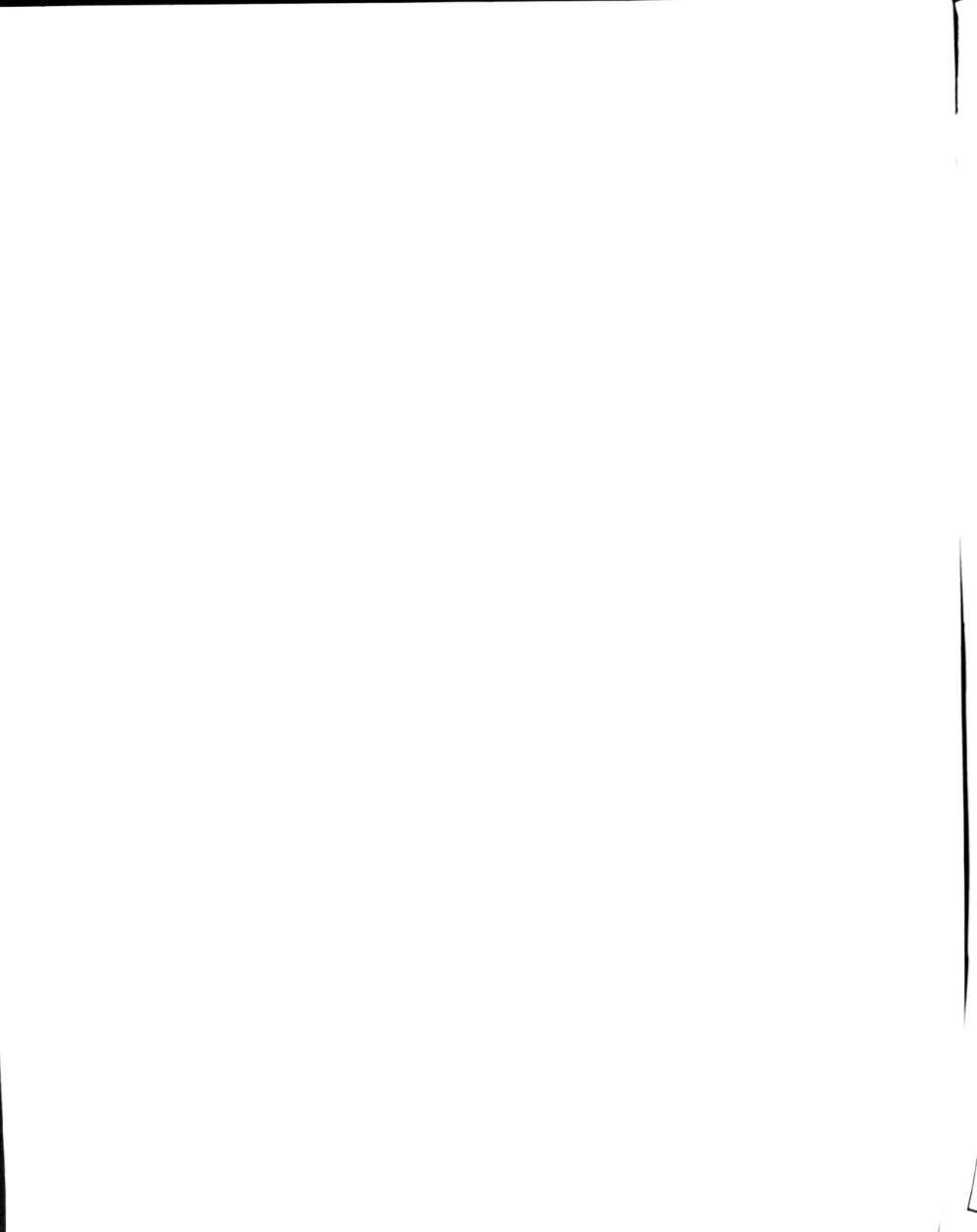


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DON'T MISS IT!

Attend the 71st annual conference of the MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, April 25-28, Colonial Inn, Helena.

What can you expect to hear in the halls? o Legislative package o Long range planning o WLN's future and the Peat Marwick Mitchell report o Automation planning o LSCA grants.

Conference Highlights include o the pre-conference workshop, April 25, "Exploring Helena's Information Resources" o author Jean Fritz o access to information: fee vs. free o Governor's mansion reception o exhibits o Art Plotnik o Dick Dougherty, Bernadine Hoduski.

For registration information contact Darlene Staffeldt, Montana State Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena MT 59620, 444-3115.

MONCAT GRANT AWARDS

The Montana State Library Commission awarded two Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grants for MONCAT development (Montana Union Catalog) at its Feb. 23rd meeting. The awards were based on the recommendations of the Montana Library Services Advisory Council.

o Kal:Shares, a cooperative effort of 4 Kalispell area libraries to join the Washington Library Network -- Flathead Co. Library, Flathead Valley Community College Library, Kalispell Regional Hospital Library, and Libby Sr. High School Library -- \$31,549.

o \$14,138 to Missoula City-County Library to complete its retrospective conversion on WLN by adding 20,000 records to the data base.

Funds remaining from this grant process were added to fiscal year 1984 LSCA funds for another round of MONCAT grants totaling \$94,000, currently in progress. These grant awards will be decided at the April 28th meeting of the Commission in Helena.

For further information, contact Beth Givens, State Library, 444-3115.

DICTIONARY FOR HANDICAPPED READERS

The first recorded dictionary for blind and physically handicapped people is now available for use and demonstration at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (State Library, Helena).

Recorded from the Houghton Mifflin Concise Heritage Dictionary with the cooperation of the publisher, the cassettes contain all of the 55,000 entries of the print edition.

The dictionary was produced by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress to fill a long-recognized

need for an alternative to bulky and expensive braille dictionaries.

Through an arrangement with the American Printing House for the Blind, the dictionary can be purchased for about \$88. It contains 1200 hours of tape on 55 cassettes, yet uses only 6 inches of shelf space.

For more information about the dictionary or other free library services for the blind and physically handicapped, contact Darlene Tiensvold, Montana State Library, 1515 E. 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620, 444-2064 or 1-800-332-3400.

BECOME AN EIGHTY-NINER

Montana's Statehood Centennial is only five years away, and preparations now are underway according to Lt. Governor George Turman. "Our 100th birthday will present many promotional, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities, and all Montanans are invited to help plan the celebration," Turman said.

Governor Schwinden assigned Centennial planning coordination to the Lt. Governor following adoption of a planning directive by the last Legislature (SJR 21). To encourage citizen involvement in the process, a program called "The Eighty-Niners" has been created. The informal organization will accept and review citizens' suggestions for commemorative activities to be presented for consideration by the Legislature next year.

Any Montanan may join "The Eighty-Niners" by writing to P.O. Box 1989, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59620. Individuals, organizations, schools, and communities are already among the membership. Libraries and librarians both are encouraged to become "Eighty-Niners."

LONG RANGE PLANNING -- A CENTENNIAL GOAL

Does this sound like your vision for library cooperation in 1989? "Montana has a statewide library service system, an interactive network, which allows the exchange and transfer of materials, services and ideas. Formal structures for cooperation and funding plus technological tools support this system. All citizens can get free library cards which can be used in any Montana library."

The Long Range Planning Committee of the Montana Library Services Advisory Council (see photo) is currently preparing a draft

five-year plan for library development, 1984-1989. Vision statements for 1989, Montana's centennial celebration year, will focus on cooperation, the library as community center, technology, collection development, and education, both professional and public.

The draft is based on responses received from the library community last fall and winter. It will be widely distributed for review this May. The State Library Commission will discuss the plan at its June meeting.



Members of the Montana Library Services Advisory Council Long Range Planning Committee, left to right: Nancy Coe, Peggy Gadbow, Sara Parker, Barbara Gillis, Cheryl Hutchinson, Lucy Jones.

STATEWIDE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

"What's black and white and read all over?" Montana's first state-wide Summer Reading Program for public libraries. The materials for "A to Zebra," a program developed by a group of Wisconsin librarians, have been donated to Montana libraries by Demco. Materials include balloons, bookmarks, buttons, sheets to record titles read,

certificates of award for completion and an excellent idea-resource book for librarians.

Brought to you by the State Library and the MLA Committee for Services to Children and Youth, the materials will be available at a committee table at the MLA conference this spring in Helena. On Friday evening of the confer-

ence a committee meeting which will be open to everyone will discuss summer reading programs in general and "A to Zebra" in particular. There will be plenty of good ideas and plenty of time to gear up for a successfully busy summer. Questions? Call Susan Creed at Great Falls Public Library, 453-0349 or Alene Cooper, Montana State Library, 444-3115.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The newly appointed statewide Collection Development Committee begins the work of coordinating libraries' collection policies and procedures at its March 15th meeting.

Members appointed by the State Library Commission are: John Burton, Director, Flathead County Free Library; Noreen Alldredge, Dean, MSU Renne Library; Sharon Mohr, Reedpoint High School Library; Mary Doggett, Montana Library Services Advisory Council; Bob Clark, Director, Historical Society Library; Darlene Staffeldt, State Library and Sara Parker, State Librarian, ex-officio member.

If you wish to be on the mailing list to receive announcements of the Committee's work, contact Darlene Staffeldt, 444-3004.

LOW VISION AND LIBRARIES

With optical aids, some quite inexpensive, the world of print can be more accessible to persons with low vision disabilities. Learn more about low vision, optical aids, psychological aspects, and the related technology of the 80's at the Low Vision Seminar, held May 4-6 at the Colonial Inn, Helena.

For registration information contact Low Vision Seminar, 715 N. Fee, Helena, MT 59601.

If you can't attend the seminar, plan to visit the Low Vision Clinic's exhibit at the Montana Library Association Conference April 26-28. Discover what libraries can offer users with visual disabilities.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PUSH

National Library Week will soon be past. What did you do to promote your library? What worked, didn't work? Were you aware of the radio and television public service announcements distributed to major stations in Montana? Were they effective? Should they be repeated?

Work is underway to increase statewide library public relations activities. Your observations and recommendations will be a valuable part of the planning. Please send them to Beth Givens, State Library.

AROUND THE STATE

Twenty-five librarians from the five northwest counties, the Office of Public Instruction and the State Library attended the first annual area mini-conference in Plains Feb. 25th. Conference coordinators were John Meckler, Plains School, and Al Randall, Libby Sr. High School.

Meckler discussed his library's work as a test site for a library processing software package for the TRS-80 microcomputer. Randall described the Pilot Moncat project and his library's use of the union catalog. State Librarian Sara Parker brought news of statewide union catalog development. The upcoming MLA conference was highlighted by Sheila Cates, Office of Public Instruction Library/Media Specialist.

The Golden Plains Library Federation now offers its members a union catalog in book form of

audio-visual materials owned by the federation. The headquarters staff using an Apple II+ microcomputer and DB Master software produced the catalog which contains a listing by title, author, subject, interest level, and ownership. A catalog of over 125 sound filmstrips has been completed, and a separate catalog for cassettes, slides, and microforms will be done by spring.

Sheridan County boasts a new library building, shared with the courthouse annex. Its open house is April 13th in Plentywood. Library Director Sheila Lee extends an open invitation to anyone who wishes to attend and tour the new facility. She reports that library usage has doubled since the doors opened Dec. 5, 1983. New address and telephone: Sheridan Co. Free Library, 106 Laurel Ave., Plentywood, MT 59254, 765-2317.

State Law Librarian, Claire Engel has accepted a new position as Chief of Library Services, Dept. of Law for the State of New York. She begins work in Albany this May.

From the Parmly Billings Library: New reference librarian is Mary Bushing, a former director of two Illinois libraries. Children's Librarian Jill Olson has been invited to participate as guest storyteller at the annual Univ. of Washington Storytelling Festival (May 18 - 19).

A fun-filled two weeks marks the birthday of Missoula City-County Library -- the 10th year in its present building and its 91st year as a library. The celebration will be March 31st through April 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pacific Northwest Library Association Resource Sharing Committee is surveying Montana libraries this spring regarding inter-library loan usage and future needs. You are encouraged to complete the questionnaire to ensure a strong Montana voice in regional planning.

The Resource Sharing Committee is an outgrowth of the report of the Pacific Northwest Joint Planning Team. Sherry Taber, Alaska State Library, is Chair.

The Louisiana State Library has supplied each state library in the country with promotional packets on the upcoming World's Fair to be held in New Orleans May 1984. The packet contains a rich variety of information on Louisiana for travelers and students who write reports.

Contact the MSL News to receive your packet.

Audio cassette tapes of selected 1983 ALA conference programs are available on loan from the State Library. Contact Char LeVasseur for a list of offerings.

Douglas Ferguson has been appointed director of Library and Information Resources for the Northwest program of the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust in Portland, Oregon.

The Trust has committed \$3.5 million to a grant program for libraries (initially, academic and major public libraries) with the goal of enhancing access to available information for residents of the Pacific Northwest. The program will include an assessment of existing information resources, planned and complementary development of library collections, and sharing of resources using electronic and other rapid delivery systems.

Further information is available from Dr. Kathleen Bowman, Assoc. Director, Fred Meyer Charitable Trust, 1515 S.W. 5th Ave., Suite 500, Portland OR 97201.

In the ten-year cycle required by the Constitution and state law, local government review will come before Montana voters this year. The question whether or not

to establish study commissions at the local level will appear on primary ballots June 5th.

A temporary State Commission on Local Government supported the review process in the 19th and produced extensive public information and research materials, much of which has been deposited in academic, public and state libraries. Librarians are urged to take note of the upcoming study process and the need by local citizen groups to use these materials.

Spring and summer continuing library education courses are listed in a recent release from the University of Washington Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Several courses on microcomputers are offered. For more information contact Barbara Tolliver, Director Continuing Library Education, GSLIS, Univ. of Washington, Seattle WA 98195.

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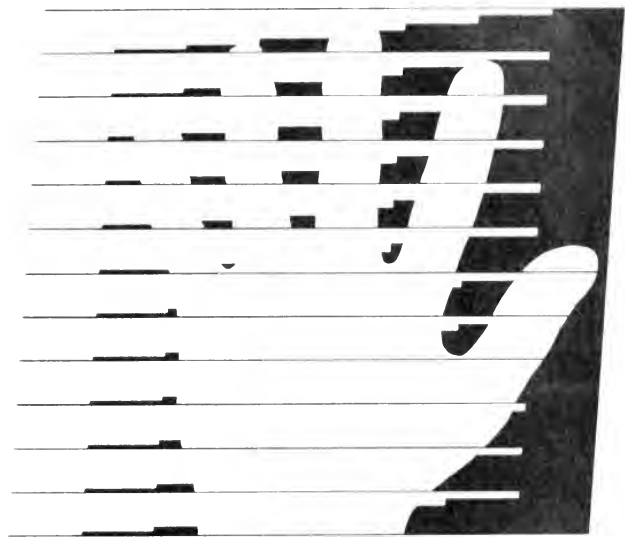
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1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>March</u>	
26 to 30	Washington Library Network and school library automation presentations in 7 Montana communities, sponsored by the State Library
30, 31	MLA-MSL Trustees Workshops, Missoula and Butte
31 to April 14	2 week celebration of Missoula City County Library's birthday
<u>April</u>	
2, 3, 6, 7, 9	MLA-MSL Trustees Workshops, Bozeman, Great Falls, Billings, Miles City, Glasgow
4 to 7	Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Meeting, Seattle
8 to 14	National Library Week
9 to 12	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C.
10	ALA Legislative Day, Washington, D.C.
11	School Library Media Day. Special theme "The School Library Media Program: The Knowledge Base"
11	Missoula-UM Friends of Libraries Banquet, Betty Stone, speaker, Missoula
12	Meeting on Statewide Continuing Education needs and planning, sponsored by MLA CE Committee, with Betty Stone, Missoula
13	Golden Plains Federation Advisory Board, Plentywood
13	Sheridan County Library open house, Plentywood
25	"Exploring Helena's Information Resources: Traditional and Nontraditional," MLA pre-conference workshop
25	Montana Library Services Advisory Council, Helena
26 to 28	Montana Library Association Conference, Helena
28	Montana State Library Commission meeting, Helena
<u>May</u>	
2 to 5	Triconference of Mountain Plains Assoc., Wyoming Library Assoc., and Assoc. for Educational Communication and Technology, Cheyenne, Wyoming
4 to 6	Low Vision Seminar, Coach House East, Helena
6 to 12	National Volunteer Week
19	Broad Valleys Federation Spring Meeting, Whitehall
25	Montana Library Services Advisory Council, Helena
<u>June</u>	
9 to 14	Special Libraries Association conference, New York City
15	Montana State Library Commission meeting, Glasgow
23 to 28	ALA Conference, Dallas
<u>July</u>	
27	Montana Library Services Advisory Council, Helena
<u>August</u>	
16	Western Council of State Libraries workshop, Planning for Delivery of State Government Services
22 to 24	Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Conference, Billings
<u>September</u>	
8 to 15	Banned Books Week
<u>October</u>	
18 to 19	American Association of Workers for the Blind and American Visual Education for the Handicapped Conference, Helena
19	Montana Library Services Advisory Council, Helena
25	Montana State Library commission Meeting, Anaconda
31 to Nov. 4	American Association of School Libraries (AASL) Conference, Atlanta
<u>December</u>	
7	Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Helena

